

Preliminary Amendment
Attorney Docket No. 042839

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is also possible for the panels of the rim to be connected to each other at least at the extremities of their lateral edges by snap fasteners or latches. It is possible, on the one hand, to maintain the panels by means of latches or snap fasteners only, or, on the other hand, to combine latches and snap fasteners located at the extremities of the lateral edges of the panels with bands of the Velcro ® type placed between the latches. In the latter version, the latches prevent the beginning of an opening of the bands of the Velcro ® type ~~type~~.